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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN PRESS HINTS CIA TIE-IN WITH ASSASSINATION
ATTEMPT

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SUMMARY: IN SHARPEST ATTACKE ON CIA TO DATE, SEPT. 30
GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED ETHIOPIA HERALD CARRIED
LENGTHY ARTICLE TO ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES OF CIA
THROUGHOUT WORLD,. ARTICLE LEADS INTO MAIN BURDEN OF STORY BY NOTING
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COLLABORATION OF EPRP AND CIA. WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY SAYING SO,
ARTICLE DISCUSSES CIA INVOLVEMENT IN "AMBUSH AND ASSASSINATION
PLOTS," LEAVING READERS TO DRAW THEIR OWN CONCLUSIONS
REGARDING LAST WEEK'S ATTEMPT ON MENGISTU'S LIFE.
END SUMMARY.

1. SUMMARINZING LONGER ARTICLE FROM AMHARIC PRESS,
ENTITLED "CIA AND ITS INVISIBLE HANDS," ETHIOPIAN HERALD
DEVELOPED SUBJECT OF COLLABORATION BETEEN ANTI-REGIME
EPRP AND CIA INTO LENGTHY DIATRIBE AGAINST SUBVERSIVE CIA
TECHNIQUES IN OTHER COUNTIRES. AUTHOR ACCUSED EPRP
OF ALIGNING ITSELF WITH EXTERNAL ENEMIES, "ESPEICAL-
LY ARCH ENEMY OF APPRESSED APEOPLES (THE CIA), IN
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ATTEMPT TO REVERSE REVOLUTION OF APPRESSED.

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2. MOVING FROM SPECIFIC TO GENERAL, AUTHOR POINTED OUT THAT WHENEVER GENUINE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENTS WERE SET UP, CIA REACTED BY CREATING PUPET ANTI-REVOLUTION PARITES "WITH SEEMINGLY REVOLUTIONARY SLOGANS, SONGS, WAVING RED FLAGS, SOWING SEEDS OF DISCONTENT AND SLANDER AMONG GENUINE REVOLUTIONARIES, ALL FOR PURPOSE OF SUBVERTING REVOUTION." THEN, WHEN IT CLEAR THAT FATE OF SUCH PUPPET BODIES WAS DOOMED, OWING TO LACK OF SUPPORT FROM MASSES, AUTHRO MAINTAINED THAT CIA PLANNED AMBUSH AND ASSASSINATION PLOTS AND PASSED ORDERS TO ITS LOCALLY-BASED REPRESENTATIVES. AFTER PLOT, IMPERIALIST BROADCASTING STATIONS ATTRIBUTED ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS TO OPPOSING POLITICAL PARTIES, IN ORDER TO DIVERT SUSPICION FROM CIA. SUCH HAD BEEN PATTERN IN LATIN AMERICA.

3. ARTICLE FURTHER CLAIMED THAT AGENCY USED WELFARE AGENCIES, RELIGIOUS MISSIONS, PEACE CORPS, AIR TRANSPORT COMPANIES, RADIO STATIONS, AND NEWSPAPER ORGANIZATIONS TO ADVANCE ITS IMPERIALIST DESIGNS. OTHER TECHNIQUES FOR REVERSING REVOLUTIONS INCLUDED INCITING STRIKES, PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS, SPREADING FALSE BANKNOTES,AND DRAWING INNOCENT PEOPLE INTO ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES. AUTHOR CONCLUDED THAT ONLY SOLUTION WAS TO EDUCATE MASSES TO IDENTIFY THEIR TRUE ENEMY FROM THEIR FIRIENDS. MEANWHILE, TRANSITIONAL STRUGGLE AGAINST CIA AND ITS LACKEYS WOOULD BE BITTER AND TOUGH.

4. LONG ORIGINAL ARTICLE IN AMHARIC, WHICH APPEARED IN FIRST NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED AFTER ATTEMPT AGAINST MENGISTU, CONCLUDED IN EVEN STRONGER TERMS. KEY PASSAGE READS, " THE CIA, APPREHENSIVE OF AN END TO THE EXPLOITATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH ETHIOPIA, IS BUSY CONSPIRING AND LAUNCHING A COUNTERREVOLUTION-ARY ACTION IN COLLABORATION WITH REMNANTS FO FEUDAL SYSTEM AND EPRP..."
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